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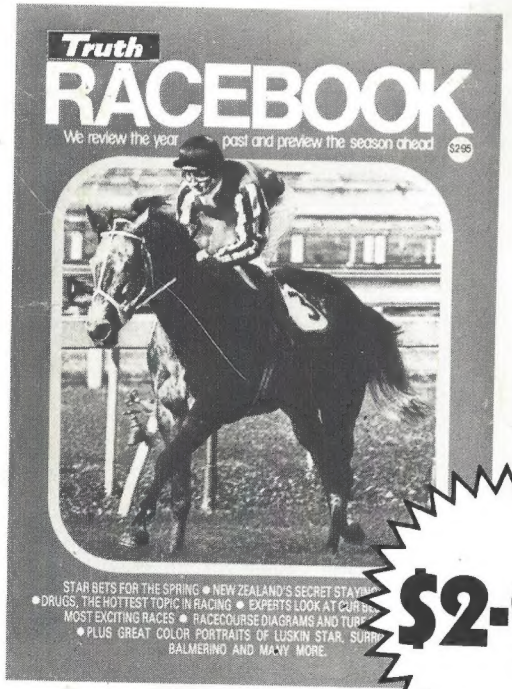

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Message from the President

I AM very pleased to be able to welcome to Australia the Iran National Team for the first of two matches which will be played between the two countries as part of the second preliminary round of the 1978 FIFA World Cup.

Australia has a very high regard for the Iran team whom they had to struggle to beat in the last World Cup tournament. They are a strong and experienced side and today's game is certain to be one of the hardest in the Asian zone group.

With the recent international series between Red Star Belgrade, Glasgow Celtic and Arsenal of London, the Australian Socceroos have had a first-class preparation for today's match.

We are all expecting big things from our national team but most of all a sporting and exciting afternoon's soccer.

Irrespective of the result we look forward to working in continued co-operation with our friends from Iran, and may it not be too long before we see them back in Australia again.

SIR ARTHUR GEORGE,
President, Australian Soccer Federation.

From the Victorian Soccer President

IT is with great pleasure that I welcome our World Cup opponents, Iran, to Melbourne. It is their first visit to our city and we hope it will not be the last.

Today all Australians will be looking for a great performance from the Socceroos against one of the hardest countries they encounter in the 1978 World Cup preliminary round.

Mr. Jimmy Shoulder, the Australian coach, has prepared a fine squad which gave us so much delightful entertainment during their recent game with Red Star at Olympic Park.

If the Socceroos turn on the same brand of exciting football today as they did then, Melbourne soccer supporters will be more than satisfied.

THEO MARMARAS, M.B.E., J.P.
President, Victorian Soccer Federation.

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TARGET ARGENTINA!

Seven games to go, today's is vital

SEVEN more games to go, and that includes today's vital match at Olympic Park against Iran.

Will Australia make it to Argentina to play in the finals of the World Cup for the second time in succession?

We'll get a better idea shortly before five o'clock this evening after the Socceroos have played their strongest opponents in the second preliminary round of the World Cup for 1978.

The Australians have everything going for them this afternoon. They have just emerged from a hard preparation in the international series against Celtic of Glasgow, Arsenal of London and Red Star of Belgrade.

Few gave the Socceroos much of a show in this tournament as they had previously been beaten three times by the same score, 3-1, by the Yugoslav champions.

But the Aussies came out determined to produce their best — and they did. Their first success was a 3-1 defeat of London's football pride and glory, Arsenal.

Then they went down fighting 3-2 to Celtic and Red Star and their brilliant display didn't pass unnoticed. The first to congratulate coach Jimmy Shoulder and his Socceroos were their opponents.

It was a truly magnificent effort by a team of part-time professionals against three of Europe's most elite Soccer teams.

Today you'll see the brilliant young John Kosmina of South Australia playing alongside the tall blond Peter Ollerton, of South Melbourne Hellas. If Australia are

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AUSTRALIA'S striker Peter Ollerton chases a player in a recent National League match at Olympic Park.

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going to get goals we can expect some from them, as they have developed into a formidable striking force in recent weeks.

A player who gives 90 minutes of total football is Australia's Harry Williams. Watch him go when he collects the ball and runs through at great speed from defence to create striking opportunities for Kosmina and Ollerton.

Then keep an eye on Allan Maher, one of the best goalkeepers Australia has produced. His brilliant saves between the posts will thrill you.

Peter Wilson, the Australian captain wearing the No. 3 shirt, is as steady as a rock in defence and one of the longest serving players in our national side.

Col Bennett whom the great Arsenal striker Malcolm Macdonald praised for keeping a policeman's grip on him during their clash in Sydney, is another hard man to pass.

Jimmy Rooney a former Essendon player is one of the hardest working midfielders in the game. while Dave Harding is one of those players who pops up when least expected and has a hard shot which can beat the best of keepers.

If the Socceroos defeat Iran today they will be half way to Argentina. Only South Korea, Kuwait and Hong Kong remain between us and another great honor to represent Asia in the World Cup finals for the second time in four years.

Can it be done? Of course it can. All our players need is you. Support them this afternoon because it will be many years before they play another World Cup game at Olympic Park.

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THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM

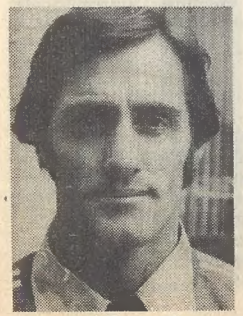
Allan Maher

ALLAN MAHER – Marconi, N.S.W. Goalkeeper. Born 21/7/50. Height 6' 1", weight 11 stone. Australian born. Agile and fearless keeper. Reserve during the 1974 World Cup. Made the first team for the European Tour in 1976 only to be injured in Singapore but has regained the first team position recently.

George Harris

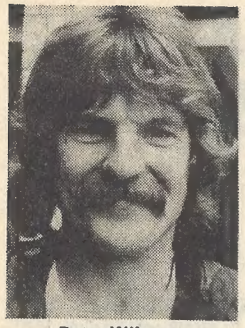
GEORGE HARRIS – St. George, N.S.W. Defender. Born 6/2/49. Height 5' 8" weight 10 st. 11 lb. Australian Born. Versatile performer who can play on either flank but recently, due to the injury to Doug Utjesenovic, he has made the right-back position his own. Is Captain of the St. George Club and a player of aggression capable of giving 100% dedication at all times.

JACK REILLY – South Melbourne, Vic. Goalkeeper. Born 27/8/45. Height 6' 2" weight 12 stone10lb. Born Scotland, arriving Australia 1969. Played for Hiberian in Scotland and Washington Whips. Has achieved a rare feat in again winning back his position in the Australian Squad after having to vacate it following the 1974 World Cup Final due to business commitments. Reilly has exceptional positional sense, and shows complete confidence with high crosses and kicks with length and good direction.



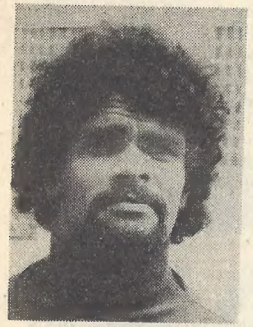
Col Bennett

COL BENNETT – Brisbane Lions, Qld. Defender. born 18/9/50. Height 6' 1" weight 13st. 5lb. Australian born. Powerful and compromising player who has teamed well with Skipper Peter Wilson and has proved to be an adequate replacement for the former star defender Manfred Scheafer. Is now emerging as a fine all-round performer in many facets of the game.



Peter Wilson

PETER WILSON – Western Suburbs, N.S.W. Defender. Born 15/9/47. Height 6' weight 12st. 7lb. Born Middlesbrough, England. Australian Captain who has set a high standard of professionalism which is a fine example to other members of the team. Has continued to steer the Australian Squad since the 1974 World Cup and will again provide tough opposition for forwards from the Asian teams which Australia will play later this year.



Harry Williams

DAVID JONES – West Adelaide, S.A. Defender. Born 1/4/55. Height 6' 2" weight 12st. 10lb. Was originally playing in Western Australia when selected by National Director of Coaching, Eric Worthington, to play in Indonesia in the Djakarta Anniversary Tournament in 1975. Since moving to Adelaide he has been playing National League football, and is one of the outstanding successes of the West Adelaide team and is assured of a big future in Australian soccer.

Garry Byrne

HARRY WILLIAMS – St. George, N.S.W. Left Back. Born 7/5/51. Height 5' 9" weight 10st. 7lb. Australian born. Is now a fully fledged member of the National Team and features in his play fast over-laps which devestates defence as the New Zealand team would bear out after their 3 : 1 loss to Australia in the First World Cup Round played in March. Williams is always superb ly fit and has proved to be one of the most outstanding finds in recent years.

GARY BYRNE – Marconi, N.S.W. Midfield. Born 19/7/54. Height 5' 8" weight 10st. 7lb. English born arriving in Australia at 12 years of age. An aggressive midfield player with excellent techniques in marking and tackling and shows untiring energy continuously going back into his own half of the field to provide a build-up for another attacking move. He has a bright future in international football.

David Harding

DAVID HARDING – Western Suburbs, N.S.W. Midfield. Born 14/8/46. Height 5' 10" weight 12 stone. Born England, arriving in Australia in 1968. He is an energetic midfielder packing a very powerful shot which has taken many a goalkeeper by surprise. During the past 18 months Harding has scored many vital goals for Australia.

Jimmy Rooney

JIMMY ROONEY – Marconi, N.S.W. Midfield. Born 10/12/45. Height 5' 6" weight 10st. 12lb. Born in Dundee, Scotland. Rooney has been an outstanding performer for Australia over recent years. He is one of the senior players of the team and as Vice-Captain sets a high standard of professionalism and dedication,creating a fine example to the less experienced players in the Squad.

Gary Marocchi

AGENOR MUNIZ – Adelaide City, S.A. Midfield. Born 24/6/49. Height 5' 7" weight 10st. 7lb. Brazilian born arriving in Australia in 1971. Formerly with the Eastern Suburbs Hakoah Club in Sydney, the brilliant midfield general has recently found it difficult to settle with his former Club and is now one of the stars of the very successful Adelaide National league team. Making his first appearance in 1975 with the Australian Team, he has been a regular performer in recent international matches with his brilliant ball control and accurate passing a feature of his game.

GARY MAROCCHI – Adelaide City, S.A. Midfield. Born 24/4/55. Height 5' 10" weight 11st. 4lb. Australian born. First discovered by Eric Worthington during the Under 23 Team tour of Indonesia in 1975. This Skilfull midfielder has improved his game tremendously during the current national league season, and is a star of the Adelaide City Club which is currently leading the competition. Coach Jimmy Shoulder predicts a great future for his young player.

Murray Barnes

John Kosmina

Peter Ollerton

PETER STONE

MURRAY BARNES — Eastern Suburbs Hakaoh. Forward striker. Born 16/1/54. Height 6' 1" weight 11st. 5lb. Australian born. Tall, powerful in the air, and has the ability to score spectacular goals. Barnes is certain to be a big influence in the forthcoming Australia World Cup matches.

JOHN KOSMINA — West Adelaide, S.A. Forward. Born 17/8/56. Height 5' 10" weight 11st. 7lb. Since making his first full international appearance against Hong Kong in 1976, this player has developed into one of the greatest talents in Australia Soccer. Kosmina played a vital role in scoring against the New Zealand team in Sydney in the recent World Cup match, and it is known that he is under scrutiny by more than one English club. Undoubtedly, this player has a big future in international soccer.

PETER OLLERTON — South Melbourne, Vic. Forward. Born 20/5/51. Height 6' 1" weight 13st. 5lb. Born England. Powerful and dangerous striker and a regular scorer for Australia in many international matches. Ollerton was the star of the World Cup matches played against New Zealand earlier this year, scoring two vital goals in the match in Sydney and also scoring Australia's goal in the Aukland match. With power and height he is certain to prove a dangerous striker against Australia's Asian opponents.

PETER STONE — Western Suburbs, N.S.W. Midfield. Born September 30, 1954. Height 5'9", weight 10 st. 3 lb. Made his first appearance with the Australian team in a friendly match against the Italian team Bologna in June, 1976. Played his first international against Hong Kong in Canberra in August of the same year. Occupation — Student teacher.

P. SHARNE

J. TANSEY

J. NYSKOHUS

PETER SHARNE — Marconi, N.S.W. Striker. Born March 22, 1956. Height 5'10", weight 11 st. 7 lb. Born in Australia and learned his soccer as a Marconi junior from eight years of age. Representative player for Southern Districts. Played for Liverpool City, then joined Marconi.

JIMMY TANSEY — Fitzroy United, Vic. Left back. Born August 8, 1953. Height 6', weight 12 st. 4 lb. A cultured defender with an immaculate left foot, steady and unflappable. Emerged during the Russian series in 1975 and has performed well in the sweeper role also. Born in Liverpool, England. "Scouse", because he comes from Liverpool. The comedian of the team.

JIMMY SHOULDER — National Team Coach

J. REILLY

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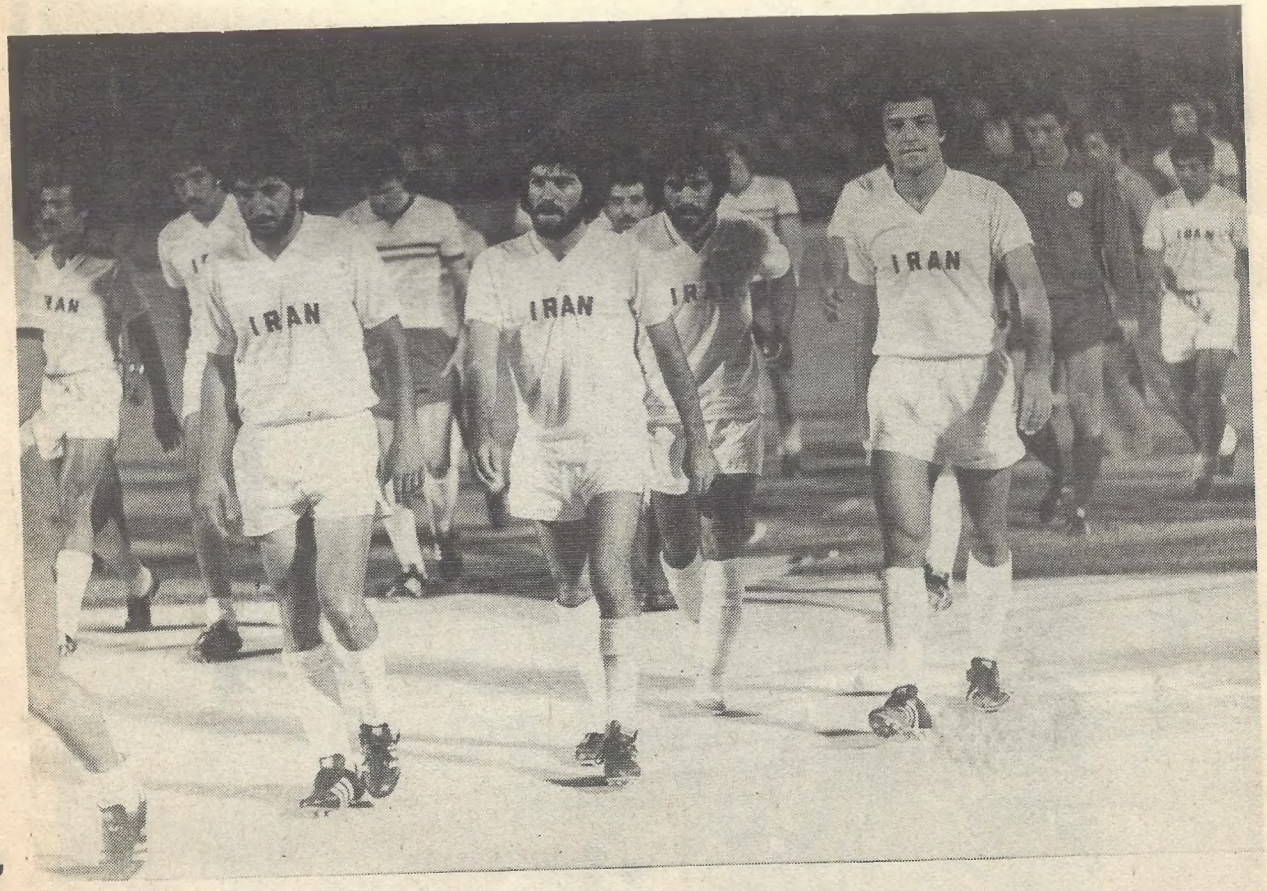

Iranian team leaves field after the 0-0 draw against powerful Rumania in Teheran.

Iranian forward shoots at Rumanian goal

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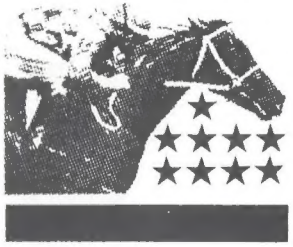

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